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Glastonbury Festival - will the sun continue to shine?

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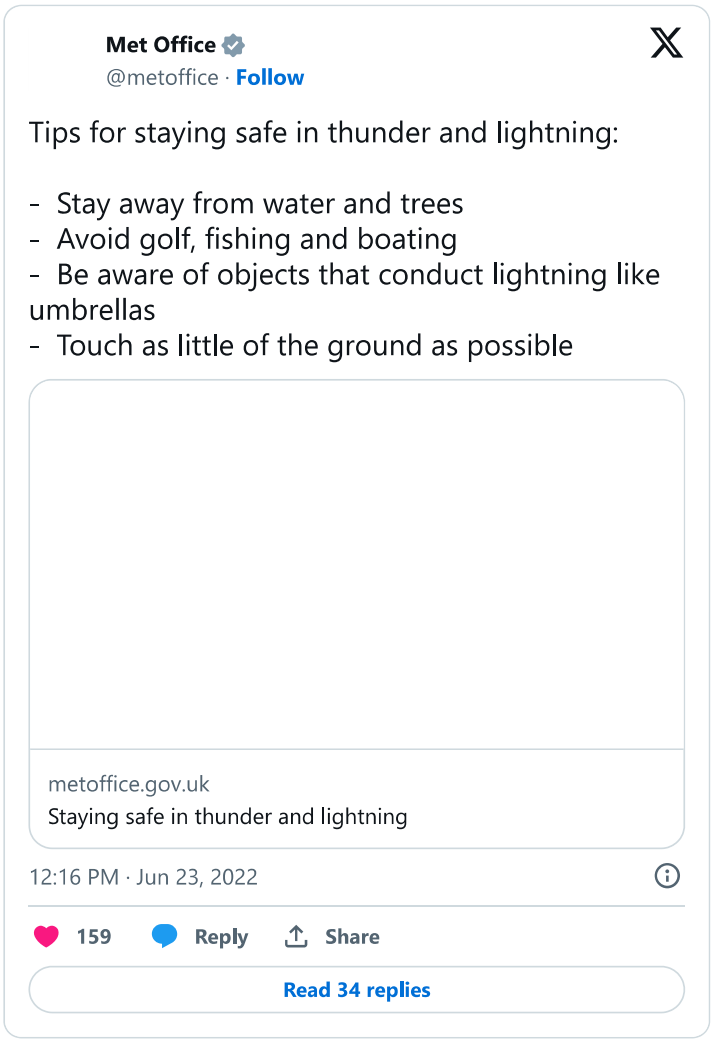
Day one of the festival was sunny, temperatures reaching almost 27C in nearby Yeovilton, but it's now becoming more unsettled.

Met Office Chief Forecaster Paul Gundersen said: "Our advice would be to have raincoats at the ready for the rest of the festival. After a warm and, at times, sunny start to Thursday it will turn cloudier and there will be an increasing risk of thunderstorms through the afternoon and evening bringing a risk of torrential downpours.

"The exact location of the heaviest of these showers is still uncertain, but people can so stay up to date with the latest forecast and warnings through our website or app."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For Friday and the weekend, the weather will become cooler and more unsettled. The risk of heavy showers and thunderstorms continues in the Glastonbury area, and although these should be quick moving, some surface water might accumulate at times from the heaviest showers. Temperatures will return to near normal for the time of year, with highs likely around 18-20C by the weekend. It will become breezier over the weekend.

The unsettled pattern is expected to continue to dominate into the start of next week.

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Glastonbury weather statistics

Glastonbury Festival Weather Records

Met Office	Glastonbury
Highest max temp	31.2 °C at Rodney Stoke in 2017
Lowest min temp	4.2 °C at Yeovilton in 1987
Highest min temp	17.6 °C at Rodney Stoke in 2017
Lowest max temp	13.2 °C at Castle Cary Grove Mead in 1997
Wettest day	60.1 mm at Rodney Stoke in 2007
Highest max gust	41 mph at Yeovilton in 1985 and 1987
Sunniest day	15.6 hrs at Yeovilton in 1989

Data compiled from weather stations near the site from 1970 for years when Glastonbury Festival took place.

The first Glastonbury Festival took place in September 1970 and using Met Office data from nearby weather stations, the records tell a story of some unforgettable festivals.

In what will come as no surprise to anyone who was there, Glastonbury 2007 holds the record for the festival's wettest day. 60.1mm of rain fell in a single day at nearby Rodney Stoke.

For other unsettled weather, the highest wind gust speed recorded for Glastonbury was 41mph, which has been reached at Yeovilton in 1985 and 1987 during the event.

Although 1997 was dubbed the 'year of the mud' on the Glastonbury website thanks to a deluge of rain in the days preceding the event, it actually holds the record for the coldest festival day with 13.2°C as high as the temperature reached at Castle Cary Grove Mead.

In 2017, with The Foo Fighters headlining, the mercury reached a balmy 31.2°C at Rodney Stoke, while the warmest night was recorded in the same year, with 17.6°C at the same location.

The sunniest day of Glastonbury on record was in 1989, when a station at Yeovilton recorded approximately 15 hours and 36 minutes of sunshine.

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